

QUEBEC CHEESE NAMED GRAND CHAMPION AT SIAL CANADA'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL CHEESE COMPETITION

Toronto, April 30, 2019 – *On the trade show-opening day, April 30 at 4 pm, the 28 champions of the first International Cheese Competition by SIAL were revealed.*

Quebec's **Fromagerie La Station's Alfred le Fermier Grand Cru** cheese was selected by the jury panel after a tie breaking vote, as the **Grand Champion** cheese. This artisanal farmstead cheese also won as the best firm cheese and the Dairy Farmers of Canada prize. Cheese from Austria, Bulgaria, Canada (P.E.I., Quebec and Ontario), France, Italy, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom were named as champions in their respective categories.

This competition was the first of its kind on the site but also in Canada! The jury, chaired by Gurth M. Pretty, consisted of a panel of cheese industry professionals who evaluated the cheese that were entered in 23 categories. Following the jury's deliberation, 23 medals (1 per category), the Best English Cheese prize, Best Italian Cheese prize, Dairy Farmers of Canada prize, Best New Cheese prize and Grand Champion Cheese were announced at the Cheese by SIAL area.

229 cheese from nine countries were entered for this first edition, proof of the undisputed success of this **great international competition**. It aimed to highlight the innovation, know-how and passion of cheesemakers on an international level. Held in an open area, visitors and exhibitors were able to observe the evaluating procedure. The cheese were marked for their technical and aesthetic properties. The jury's comments will be forwarded to the respective cheesemakers, for their knowledge.

CATEGORY	CHEESE NAME	CHEESE COMPANY	PROVINCE
Fresh	Bella Casara Burrata	Quality Cheese	Ontario
Soft, bloomy rind	Le Noble	Fromagerie Domaine Féodal	Quebec
Washed Rind	Langres Germain	Laiterie Triballat Rians	France
Mixed Rind	Rang des Îles	Fromagerie Médard	Quebec
Cheddar - 3 to 6 months	Balderson Medium Cheddar	Parmalat - Winchester Cheddar Team	Ontario
Cheddar - 6 to 12 months	One Year-Old Cheddar	COWS Creamery	P.E.I.
Cheddar - 12 months +	Three Year-Old Cheddar	COWS Creamery	P.E.I.
Cheddar bandaged	Avonlea Clothbound Cheddar	COWS Creamery	P.E.I.
Gouda - 6 to 12 months	Mountainoak Farmstead Medium	Mountainoak Cheese	Ontario
Gouda - 12 months +	VSOC Platinum Label (3 year aged Gouda)	Daily Dairy	Netherlands
Swiss - Style	OKA Artisan 4.5 kg	Agropur	Quebec
Cheese in brine	White Goat cheese	Karabunar Dairy	Bulgaria



Smoked	Appletree Smoked Cheddar	COWS Creamery	P.E.I.
Cheese - with particulates	Mountainoak Mustard	Mountainoak Cheese	Ontario
Cheese - non particulates	Paulus Abbey Beer Aged Gouda	Daily Dairy	Netherlands
Semi-soft	Tomme Haut Richelieu	Fromagerie Kaiser	Quebec
Firm	Alfred le Fermier Grand Cru	Fromagerie La Station	Quebec
Hard	Austrian Mountain	Schreiber & Rupp, GmbH	Austria
Blue with veins	Colston Bassett Stilton with vegetable rennet	Colston Bassett Dairy	United Kingdom
Raclette	OKA Raclette wheel	Agropur	Quebec
Grilling - Mediterranean	Salerno Halloumi	Ivanhoe/Gay Lea Foods	Ontario
Ash-coated	Cheval Noir de l'Isle	Fromages Île-aux-Grues	Quebec
Low fat cheese	Seigneur de Tilly	Fromagerie Bergeron	Quebec
Best U.K cheese	Colston Bassett Stilton with vegetable rennet	Colston Bassett Dairy	United Kingdom
Best Italian cheese	Poderoso	Reparo SRL	Italy
Best new cheese	Austrian Mountain	Schreiber & Rupp, GmbH	Austria
Best Dairy Farmers of Canada cheese	Alfred le Fermier Grand Cru	Fromagerie La Station	Quebec
Grand Champion cheese	Alfred le Fermier Grand Cru	Fromagerie La Station	Quebec

An exceptional jury evaluated this unique competition, many being members of La Guilde Internationale des Fromagers. To find the entire jury list go on: <https://sialcanada.com/concours-international-fromage/>.

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